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The Communication mailed March 11, 2001 indicates that the reply was not fully responsive as Applicants did not elect any polynucleotide sequences of Group II. Applicants respectfully note that, in addition to Applicants' traversal of the restriction requirement, claims to ten elected sequences were presented and should have constituted a provisional election of those sequences.

Nevertheless, applicants hereby elect to prosecute polynucleotides having the sequences of SEQ ID NOS: 137, 205, 219, 322, 568, 590, 635, 636, 676, and 704.

The Office Action further stated that if Group II is elected, then applicants must indicate whether the elected sequence do or do not comprise an open reading frame, and then must further elect: a) a single nucleic acid sequence, if the nucleic acid sequence comprises an open reading frame; or 2) up to 10 nucleic acid sequences if the nucleic acid does not comprise an open reading frame. Applicants respectfully traversed this aspect of the Restriction Requirement.

However, and without conceding as to the correctness of the grounds of the Restriction Requirement, should the Examiner not find applicants' traversal persuasive, applicants further elect to prosecute the polynucleotide having the sequence of SEQ ID NO:635 (claims 67-75).



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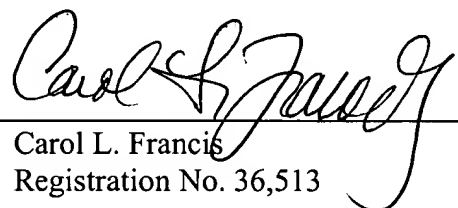
Conclusion

If the Examiner believes a teleconference would expedite prosecution, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815.

Respectfully submitted,
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